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TWO FAMILIES NOTIFIED OF SOLDIERS' DEATHS

Two Rivers soldiers died this month, one at Okinawa and the other at the Prescott Army hospital in Arizona, according to word received by next of kin.

Ben Satoshi Kurokawa, 22, formerly of 47-1-A and Guadalupe, Calif., was killed on Aug. 13 at Okinawa as a result of an airplane crash. No other detail were given in the telegram. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hyoo Kurokawa are at Tule Lake.

Young Kurokawa entered active duty from this center with the first group of inductees on May 18, 1944.

Pfc. Masuo Wakita, son of Masakichi Wakita of 34-12-C, formerly of Santa Ana, Calif., died on Aug. 23 at the Prescott Army hospital.

GRAPE PICKERS NEEDED IN LODI

Approximately 30 grape pickers are needed at the Sanganetti Fruit Packing Co. in Lodi, Calif., immediately. Housing will be provided for the workers. Single men are preferred, but family men are acceptable.

The company will pay the prevailing wages around Lodi at that particular time. Interested residents should contact Henry Yoshimi at 21-9-A in Canal.

GILAN AWARDED RIFLEMAN BADGE

Pvt. Kazuo G. Sugimoto, whose address is 22-2-D, Rivers, Ariz., has been awarded an expert rifleman badge for marksmanship at the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Camp Fennin, Tex.

Pvt. Sugimoto is the son of Mrs. M. Sugimoto of 22-2-D.

Pfc. Wakita entered the Army in 1941 from Santa Ana. He had been confined in the Prescott hospital with illness.

Public funeral services for Pfc. Wakita will be held Friday, Aug. 31, from 9:30 a.m. at temple 42.

CLEVELAND HAS WORK LAY-OFFS

The end of hostility with Japan and the resultant cancellation of large numbers of war contracts have of course caused lay-offs of quite a large number of workers in Cleveland.

Japanese Americans in this city were affected by these lay-offs although there was only one employer who laid off a very large number. The discontinuance of war work has caused somewhat of an employment problem. However, many of the relocations who were affected have already been able to secure other employment. Those who were affected have been able to secure other employment. Those who had been working long hours and earning good wages in war plants found that the large amount of overtime is no longer available; therefore, there has been some decrease in the average earnings.

PAMPHLETS HERE ON RELOCATION

Information pamphlets on relocation possibilities in all parts of the country will be placed in a rack in the Butte administration building for interested evacuees to take and read.

The rack will be placed in the main administration hallway where the drinking fountain is located, next to the project director's office door.

CO-OP ELECTS THREE TRUSTEES TO CLOSE SHOP

Three trustees of the Gila River Co-operative Enterprises, who will be responsible for handling the requests of its members for the next three years beginning Oct. 1 of this year, were chosen this week. They are Shobei Sasaki, trustee chairman; and Yoriyuki Sato and Genji Endo, trustees.

On Aug. 25 the congress of delegates of the Co-op voted unanimously, authorizing the board of directors to choose the trustees. The board met on Aug. 28 and elected the above three.

Several other announcements were made by the Co-op as follows:

Tobacco sale will be held on Aug. 30 and 31.

On Sept. 1 the stores will be closed for inventory.

On Sept. 3, Labor Day, stores will open only in the morning.

Since the dry cleaning and shoe repair shops will close, customers must call for their orders by 4 p.m., Aug. 31.

WALNUT GROVE BUILDINGS BURN

A fire of undetermined origin burned the Walnut Grove Japanese hall and five adjoining buildings owned by Japanese on Saturday night, Aug. 25, according to word received yesterday. The blaze is believed to have started in the Japanese hall and spread because of a strong wind.

Another fire on Sunday burned another building in Walnut Grove, a Japanese warehouse. No one was injured by these fires. The Japanese hall was reported occupied by laborers of other nationalities.